



HIGHER EDUCATION WORK GROUP:

Governor Beshear's Vision

Governor Steve Beshear believes that no person in Kentucky with the drive and ability to succeed should be denied access to a college education because he or she can't afford it. He understands that the economic viability of this state, and thus the quality of life for those who live here, is unequivocally linked to the education level of our citizens.

Unfortunately today, too few Kentuckians enter college, and even fewer graduate. The barriers have become too high, and particularly as we are in the midst of an unprecedented national financial crisis, too many Kentucky families are struggling to afford to send their kids to college, and too many others are struggling to pay to keep them there.

The Governor also understands that our university and college leaders have found it difficult to plan for 2020—and thus meet the objectives of postsecondary education reform passed in 1997—because of the sporadic nature of state funding. Year to year, we have not been consistent in delivering the support needed.

To those ends, Governor Beshear has formed a new broad-based, bipartisan Work Group, composed of business leaders, higher education policy experts, key legislators, and senior Beshear Administration officials. The Governor has charged this Work Group with the following responsibilities:

✚ By January 15, 2009, prepare for the Governor, General Assembly, and the new CPE President, a package of recommended executive actions and legislative proposals that would, within current budget constraints:

- 1) Provide financial relief to Kentucky families by controlling expenses associated with attending college;
- 2) Promote coherency and efficiency in the delivery of financial aid; and
- 3) Potentially secure cost savings that could be shifted to provide more financial aid for low to middle-income students.

✚ By September 1, 2009, prepare for the Governor and the 2010 Regular Session of the General Assembly comprehensive legislative proposals that would:

- 1) Move the state closer towards the goal of ensuring access to postsecondary education to all Kentucky students, of all income levels; and
- 2) Develop a clear roadmap for reaching the level of state funding needed between now and 2020 for the institutions to achieve the goals of reform. This roadmap should ensure transparency and fairness in determining state support, and provide that, in exchange for stable and increased funding, the CPE and the institutions would continue to increase productivity and back off from the high rate of tuition increases adopted in the last decade.



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